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# News Release

## **3 FUGITIVES NABBED BY ICE IN PUERTO RICO**

*Fugitives now await extradition to face outstanding criminal charges*

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—A 32 year-old fugitive wanted by authorities in Pennsylvania for robbery, conspiracy, theft, simple assault, and making terrorist threats was arrested here Tuesday by special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Ryan Gerard Williams, a United States citizen has been on the run since March 26, 2004. He was arrested at the San Juan, Puerto Rico seaport after arriving from St. Maarten.

Two other fugitives were arrested Tuesday by ICE special agents following their arrival at the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan. Natasha Amarelle, 23, is a United States citizen that has been on the run since June 21<sup>st</sup>. She is wanted by the Franklin County Police Department in Texas for possession of controlled substances.

Also arrested was 45-year-old Loftus Lewis, a fugitive wanted by Ohio's Cuyahoga County Police Department since June 22<sup>nd</sup> for aggravated burglary and domestic violence.

"These arrests send the clear message that those who try to use Puerto Rico as a hiding place to evade justice will be caught," said Lydia St. John-Mellado, acting special agent-in-charge of the Puerto Rico ICE office. "We will continue to utilize our investigative techniques to detect, apprehend and bring to justice these unscrupulous criminals who think they can get away by hiding here."

All of those arrested are in the custody of the Puerto Rico Police Department awaiting their extradition.

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